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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CODING/DECODING

CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The benefit of the filing date of the following prior foreign application filed in the following foreign country is hereby requested for the above-identified application and the priority provided in 35 USC 119 is hereby claimed:

Japanese Appln. No. 2000/126506, filed April 26, 2000.

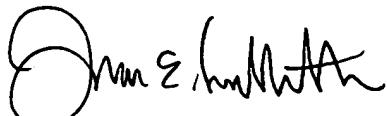
The International Bureau received the priority document within the time limit, as evidenced by the attached copy of the PCT/IB/304.

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It is requested that the file of this application be marked to indicate that the requirements of 35 USC 119 have been fulfilled and that the Patent and Trademark Office kindly acknowledge receipt of this document.

Respectfully submitted,



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